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"5. [redacted] Talked with Herb Atkinson, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, about his query regarding a "shredder" for classified material. Atkinson pointed out that the Committee is interested in a shredder only as an aid in preparing classified material (primarily executive session transcripts) for subsequent incineration. I told him I would check further on shredders and call him again.

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"1. [redacted] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that as has been announced in the press, the Nedzi Intelligence Subcommittee will begin hearings on the problem of proper classification and handling of Government information involving the national security as soon as the Congress returns. The Committee will also consider H. R. 9853 which was jointly introduced by Chairman Hebert and Representative Les Arends (R., Ill.) to amend the National Security Act to provide for the establishment of a national commission on the classification and protection of information. A request has been mailed to the Agency and other Executive components requesting comments on H. R. 9853. In brief, Mr. Slatinshek said he would appreciate such background information as we can provide preferably in loose-leaf notebook form concerning classification and handling of Government information involving the National Security Act and the "Espionage Act." I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on the following items of current intelligence: [redacted] Soviet OSA-class missile boats for Cuba; North Vietnamese road construction; Laos; Soviet replacement of Indian Air Force aircraft; Soviet increase in numbers of naval vessels in the Indian Ocean; SS-NX-8 naval ballistic missile testing and detonation of underground nuclear device.

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